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Our cover picture shows Professor E. Hanke, head of the music department of Carthage College with his pupil, Paul Baughman. Paul is a freshman. Dr. Erland Nelson, president of Carthage, prepared the supporting article for the topic this month. He sent this photo to illustrate his article, but the editor thought it too good to bury within the pages of LUTHERAN MEN. Read Dr. Nelson's article on page 21.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

I WAS WRONG

There may be virtue in the man
Who's always sure he's right,
Who'll never hear another's plan,
And seek no further light;
But I like more the chap who sings
A somewhat different song;
Who says, when he has messed up things,
"I'm sorry; I was wrong."

It's hard for any one to say
That failure's due to him—
That he has lost the fight or way
Because his lights burned dim.
It takes a man aside to throw
The vanity that's strong,
Confessing, "'Twas my fault, I know.
"I'm sorry; I was wrong."

And so, I figure, those who use
This honest, manly phrase,
Hate it too much their way to lose
On many future days.
They'll keep the path and make the fight,
Because they do not long
To have to say — when they're not right—
"I'm sorry; I was wrong."

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The right of strike or lockout is no more fundamental to American liberties than is the right to keep pigs in our houses. They work injury to society. The nation has every right to insist on compulsory arbitration. If our government were not so politically sensitive, work stoppages would not be allowed. The present dispute is largely a matter of wages. Labor is insisting that wages should be based on company ability to pay. In the case of General Motors ability to pay might be established if a standard of earnings is also set. How much should a corporation make for its stockholders and for expanding needs? Would a decision by government that General Motors should pay more wages, apply to all auto manufacturers? The ultimate result of yielding this principle on the part of the corporation would seem to doom small business and tend to combine all business under great corporations. On the other hand living costs should be taken in consideration in setting wages. If workmen need more to maintain reasonably good standards, then wages should go up. The human factor is more important than any other. In attempting to hold down prices the government has a wild bull by the tail. We hope it will hold on and defeat the move toward inflation. If no general large raise in wages is possible without raise in prices, then to raise the wages will defeat itself. The worker will handle more money but not raise his standard of living. Fact finding is a good term and if it really describes the work of the commission the president asks, it should help. But we need principles established on which such a commission may evaluate the facts. No single labor dispute can be settled by itself. It must be settled in view of the best interest of society. Most of us on the side lines are mighty tired of paying the cost of the political maneuvering of management and labor.

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Blessed is the man who does not have to be handled with care.—Christian Advocate.

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"Malefactors of great wealth" was Teddy Roosevelt's war cry in the days when the political chicanery of corporations menaced the interest of democracy. The tribe is not dead and unionism of labor has been its most effective antidote. Now democracy must fear another type of malefactor, the union leader who is just as grasping. As between the two, our sympathies would be with labor, for it represents the human factor. But if our system of capitalism is to continue there must be fair play between labor and management. They must be equal before the law. If labor can spend without accounting in an election, management should be given the same right. If a corporation can be sued for breaking contracts, so with a union. If a candidate for office is limited in the amount he can spend, a union should also be limited in what it can spend to elect or defeat him. If government can examine the books of a corporation it should also examine the books of a union. Two tremendous powers must be held in leash, the financial power of the corporation and the voting power of the union. Add uncontrolled financial power to the voting power of the union and you are on the way to class government. If that is what we want in America, we are on our way.

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"I am a woman of few words," announced the haughty mistress to the new maid. "If I beckon my finger, that means come."

"Suits me, mum," replied the girl. "I'm a woman of words myself. If I shake me head, that means I ain't comin'."—Sidmouth Observer.

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Men of good will are needed to head our unions, our corporations and our government. We need men who know and believe in that which the word neighbor means. We are saying that the world can only come to peace when we have Christian thinking in national and international leadership. The principle is just as revelant in industrial relationships. German churchmen confess today that they missed the boat while Hitlerism was rising. They should have spoken out against injustice wherever found. Will American churchmen need to make the same late confession with regard to social injustice within thhe nation?

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Life is a stewardship and not an ownership; a trust and not a gift. With a gift you may do as you please, but wth a trust you must give an account. It must be administered so as to meet the approval of the Great Judge.—Christian Observer.

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Deepest sympathy to Earle Bader and his family in the sudden death of his father. Christmas was celebrated by the family in Earle's home and his father thorougly enjoyed the day with those he loved best. Late Christmas evening he was struck down with a heart attack and died the following morning. What satisfaction this father must have had in the Christian service of his son. What a comfort to the son that "Beacuse He lives, we shall live also." In this faith is comfort for the bereaved.

"The man who has a right to boast does not have to."—The Watchword.

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"Rolling Stone,"
published by Whittlesey House, tells the story of Fred Stone, comedian and actor. It is an interesting and entertaining book. There are several paragraphs that should be of special interest. While on tour his company was snowbound and he had time to think things over. He realized that he was a happy man, blessed with a beloved wife and three daughters, and a success in his profession. Here is his own confession:

"It struck me then that, full as my life had always been, happy as it was, it still lacked something to make it complete—the spiritual side, which I had neglected. I thought about it a lot and set out for a book store where I bought a Bible. A preacher who happened to be in the store at the time, an understanding and kindly man, marked some passages for me. I went back to my hotel and began to read.

A few days later I went out to call on the Methodist minister. I told him what was on my mind and in my heart and then I felt better and happier than I had ever been before.

So it was that out of that storm I found my way to final peace and joined the church. It was an act which has brought me untold comfort and courage for whatever the future may hold. It was a shock when the newspapers got hold of the story, not only because it was a deeply personal matter to me, but because they played it up as though there were a real barrier between the church and the stage. For those who find such an incompatibility, I can only point out that there is nothing ungodly about providing people with the boon of laughter."

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Your neighbor's house would look better if you washed your own windows.—Watchword.

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"The Minister and the Ministry"
is the first series of lectures given under the Knubel-Miller Foundation. Dr. Greever was the lecturer and previous tribute has been paid to the inspiring character of his work. Now a gift volume has gone out to every pastor from the Foundation. It should mean an improved ministry. An honest, thoughtful reading will act as a refresher course in practical theology.

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Sunday School Teacher: "Why should we be kind to the poor?"

Pupils: "Because you can never tell when some of them might get rich."—Christian Observer.

Foreign Missions
is more than an emphasis for one month in the year. The open doors are calling for the greatest missionary advance in Christian history. The crisis of the time demands a Christian world. The alternative is new and more awful wars. But the supreme motive for missions is the peril of men's souls. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." Do you believe that? If so the giving of our finest young men and women and of our most generous gifts comes with the vision of men and women and little children who are dead in trespasses and sin. Missions are more than a form of insurance for peace and brotherhood. They are our means of giving Christ to those who are doomed eternally without Him. American missions which is our February emphasis, is built on the very same principle. A safe America demands a Christian America. We will not be truly Christian till we think in the terms of the nearly half our population outside the Church. What will happen to them if we do not give them Christ The answer is found in our understanding of the meaning of Christ to our own soul's salvation.

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The man who is interested in blowing his own horn is seldom interested in harmony.—Roy L. Smith, Baptist Observer.

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According to Chaplain
Crawford W. Brown, Chief of the newly organized Veterans Administration Chaplaincy Service, a school for the training of veterans' hospital chaplains will soon be established. These chaplains will be full time employees under Civil Service.

The Veterans Administration has been literally flooded with applications, and all applications are being carefully screened and considered. Only those having the special qualifications needed by hospital chaplains and who "see the tremendous job ahead" will be appointed.

A religious census of the patients of the U. S. Veterans Hospitals reveals that 64 per cent are Protestant, 31 per cent are Catholic, 3 per cent Jewish, and 2 per cent have no religious affiliation.

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I do suppose that if he'd chose
What he should do all day,
He'd play and eat awhile and then
He'd eat awhile and play.
—Anon.

Information Service
devotes an issue to a study of church membership trends in America. Figures are used from 1926 to 1944. During this time in continental U. S. A. the population has increased 17.9% Church membership has increased 32.8% or a little less than twice as rapidly as the population. All Lutheran bodies have increased 29.3% and the Roman church 25.9%. The only large Protestant denomination to show a large increase was the Baptist with 68.3%. The recent aggressive leadership and program of the churches of God shows in a 203.2% increase. Methodists increased 22.9%; Presbyterians 11.8%.

Among our Lutheran general bodies the increases were as follows: Augustana 19.8%; American Lutheran 23.1%; Norwegian 19.8%; Missouri 30.4%; Wisconsin 41.5%; ULCA 39.2%.

It may be observed that the Roman church does not seem to have made remarkable headway toward possessing America. It will also be a satisfaction that the ULCA brand of Lutheranism is increasing more rapidly than any other large body of American Lutherans. But our pride will not linger long when we realize that there are nearly half of our fellow countrymen without any church connection. Too bad we did not have a department of evangelism under a Pastor Carlson, generations ago.

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A driver and an American major in a motortruck were challenged by the sentry at a crossroads: "Who goes there?"

"One American major, one ton of fertilizer, and one buck private."

They were allowed to proceed, but at every crossroads they went through the same ritual. After a while the driver asked if they were likely to be stopped again.

"I think so," said the major.

"Well, major," requested the private, "the next time we're stopped, would you mind giving me priority over the fertilizer?"—The Link.

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Rev. Everett J. Jensen
is assisting Dr. Paul Empie in the $10,000,000 appeal for L. W. A. Pastor Jensen has been working under the Division of American Missions, N. L. C., in the largest housing center in America, at Vancouver, Washington.

Neighbor Smith: "I'd like to borrow your radio tonight."

Neighbor Jones: "Sure. Having a party?"

Neighbor Smith: "No. just want to get some sleep."—Watchman-Examiner.

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The logic of Dr. Paul Empie's statement with regard to feeding and clothing former enemy peoples is absolutely clear and honest. You have read his striking article "It Can't. It Is Happening Here!" Will you take time to read once more his analysis of our American situation? First he offers the reason for not extending help given him by our political leaders. To quote:

1. They are our enemies; they brought on a terrible war, and deserve no help.

2. Additional food to furnish all with a diet capable of maintaining life would mean further rationing. Americans will not ration themselves to aid Germans.

3. The big problem is distribution in Europe. It would mean keeping many men there, and the use of equipment on a tremendous scale, slowing down the return of our boys from Europe. Americans won't stand for it!

There you have it in a nutshell. Those who take the measure of the voters in our nation say we are revengeful, selfish and cruel. Are we to plead guilty?

There is only one answer. It is not simple or easy. It is an answer that must be given in *deeds*, not just words. Christians in America must act! They must contact government authorities and their representatives in Congress to demand:

1. That the policies governing the new order in Europe and Asia be made a matter of public record in full detail, in order that their moral and ethical implications may be evident to every citizen.

2. That representatives institute moves to amend the regulations of UNRRA so that aid can be extended to all needy humanity regardless of race, color, creed or nation.

3. That Christian and other voluntary agencies be given the right to supplement the work of UNRRA in all needy countries, within a framework of reasonable regulations.

4. That our representatives persist in an attempt to have incorporated in the United Nations Organization all of the freedoms of the so-called "Atlantic Charter".

On the other hand, Christians of America must pledge to God and to their fellowmen that:

1. They are willing to endure all necessary sacrifices including food rationing and delayed demobilization, in order to rescue the millions perishing in Europe.

2. They will, in addition, give liberally to their denominational appeals for money, clothing, and other supplies to supplement the work of UNRRA.

3. They will speak out boldly and consistently against every evidence of selfishness, revenge, and cruelty on the part of the victorious powers which will inevitably breed another war too horrible to contemplate. Such elements in the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, for example, must be removed.

It's now or never!

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Freshman: "I don't know."

Sophomore: "I'm not prepared."

Junior: "I don't remember."

Senior: "I don't believe I can add anything to what has been said."—World Call.

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A Christian faculty is essential to a Christian college. So believes Dr. W. Burnet Easton, Jr., director of religious activities at Amherst College. In an article in Christian Century he discusses the issues involved in making the Christian college genuinely Christian. Like General MacArthur, Dr. Easton does not draw back from the word "theological." He offers a number of suggestions for securing his goals, but the one that particularly appeals to us, has to do with the faculty. To quote:

There is not space here to give a blueprint of the Christian college, and I shall not try. However, certain suggestions will indicate the necessary orientation of such a school. They presume that the trustees and administration are definitely committed to an unequivocal Christian philosophy, and are ready to break with the traditional liberal arts conception. Granting this, the most important factor in the whole college program is the faculty. It, too, must be committed to the Christian view. Every member of the faculty ought to be a convinced Christian and an active member of some evangelical church. Indeed, if the college is to have any success in giving its students a sense of Christian vocation, the individual members of the faculty should feel that they have been called by God to their particular responsibilities. It would not be amiss if all members of the faculty, even the science faculty, had had some formal theological training. Certainly they all should have theological understanding. Technical schools may employ undereducated experts, but not the Christian college. Particularly in the departments of sociology, political science, economics, and psychology, the teachers should be competent theologians. There would be no course in Christian ethics *per se*, for that fragmentizes Christianity and therefore negates it. But all courses that deal with life as it is lived should be primarily concerned with the Christian approach and interpretation.

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Men show their character in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable.—Goethe.

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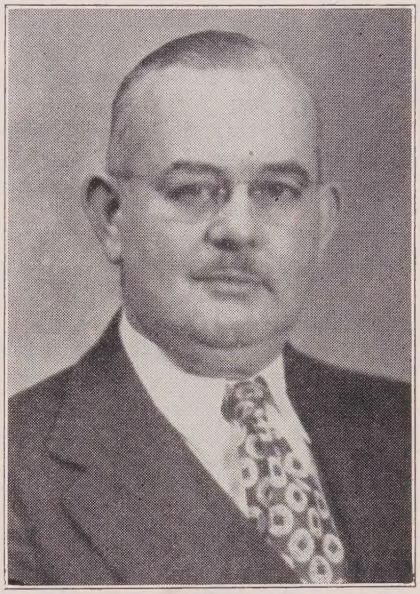

Ralph J. Wohlsen

We are glad to recognize our lay leaders and to introduce some of them to Lutheran men. This month we offer the president of the New England Conference Brotherhood, New York Synod.

Mr. Wholsen was born in Lancaster, Pa. and was baptized and confirmed in Holy Trinity Church, the mother church of Lutheranism in that area. His first adult church interest was Bible classes for men. He helped organize a class in his home church and later while working in Philadelphia helped organize another in St. Stephen's Church. Another interest has been music. He sings bass and joins the choir wherever he affiliates. He was in New Rochelle for a time, active in Trinity there, then back to Old Trinity, Lancaster, until in 1938 he moved to Bridgeport, Conn. and became active in First Lutheran. He sings in choir, is president of the Brotherhood, member of the council and is now president of the conference Brotherhood.

His business connections have been with wood-working concerns and he is now chairman of the board for the White Wholesale Millwork Inc. He is a veteran of the first world war.

A New Rural Hymn

The following hymn has been written by the Rev. Edward D. Hamner, Washburn, Illinois, a minister of the Disciples Church, who is president of the Disciples Rural Fellowship. Mr. Hamner has not decided upon any one best tune for use with the lines. He prefers the tune by Mendelssohn, *Consolation,* found in many hymnals.

HERE ON MY NATIVE SOIL

Here on my native soil I live and labor,
Here, close to God and nature's wondrous ways;
Glad in my heart for land and home and neighbor—
Glad for the useful tasks that fill my days.

This is my task; To live and help another;
This is my destiny upon the sod:
That from its yield I feed myself and brother—
That I may give it back enriched to God.

Working with Him in common ways and lowly,
In field and woods and pasture land I love,
Knowing my work though humble still is holy
I bow my head and thank my God above.

"Town and Country"

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Worry has never been able to stand up against laughter. — Christian Advocate.

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Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker

has just returned from a tour of visits to chaplains with our forces in Europe. He went as correspondent of "Army and Navy Chaplain". He conducted many conferences of chaplains. He was permitted to visit the war-criminal trials at Nuremberg. Talking with some of the Army psychiatristts gathered there, he found that they were unanimous in their recognitions of the limitations of psychology. "These scientists claim that they could have done nothing without the work of the chaplains" said Dr. Ylvisaker, and they are going to return to America with the warning that we, too, must turn to God to avoid the awful judgment which has destroyed Germany." Pastors who are tempted to go off the deep end psychologically in their pastoral counselling may well take warning. A little psychology is a dangerous thing. So is too much!

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The Sunday-school teacher was talking to her class about kindness to animals, and told them how the Bible enjoined on us the mercy which a merciful man shows to his beast.

"Now," she said, "suppose one of you saw a bad boy cutting off a cat's tail, what would convince him that he was doing something very wrong?"

One of the boys called out, "I would tell him, What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." —Boy's Industrial School Journal.

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A Washington Office

is now maintained by the Federal Council of Churches. Its purpose was questioned by our Commission and the functions of this office are now given publicity. In brief there is to be a secretary to spend most of his time in Washington, to give prompt and authoritative information to the churches on legislation and directives affecting them; to secure official interpretations and explanations of legislative and administrative acts on request; to make for interested persons the proper channels for contacts with official Washington. The secretary makes no decisions regarding policy for the churches. He is not either spokesman for the Council or a legislative representative. It would seem that these explanations should set at rest the fears of those who suspected this office as an instrument for lobbying.

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Methuselah ate what he found on his plate,
And never, as people do now,
Did he note the amount of the caloric count—
He ate it because it was chow.
He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat,
Destroying a roast or a pie,
To think it was lacking in granular fat,
Or a couple of vitamins shy.
He cheerfully chewed every species of food,
Untroubled by worries or fears
Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy dessert,
And he lived over nine hundred years. —Protestant Voice.

July 11-15, 1946

the Luther League of America will hold its postponed Jubilee Convention in Pittsburgh, the birthplace of the organization. Under the vigorous leadership of President Schaediger and Executive Secretary Frease, big things are ahead for the League. As I meet with Brotherhood leaders, here and there, I discover many a former League official, now trained and efficient for organized men's work. The same is true in the W. M.S. Adequate adult leadership depends on League training.

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At the close of the day when there had been a celebration at Harvard of the 90th birthday of Charles W. Eliot, he and Mrs. Eliot were discussing the day's events over a game of backgammon.

Said the former Harvard president, "I heard everything today except Frank Peabody's prayer."

"Oh," said his wife, "but that wasn't addressed to you."—Advance.

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Power diplomacy

depends on fear. American diplomacy is frankly declared to be based on power. Is it true that American security can only be maintained by the shaking of the mailed fist? In the long run safety can be secured only by good will. The "good neighbor policy" is a great ideal, but does that describe our American position? The world and our own national leadership seem to have learned as little from this last war as they have learned from the previous wars in our history. The only really permanent work that can be done now for the future of civilization is in relief. Then we must plan for the implementing of our Atlantic Charter freedoms in the world. Totalitarianism is just as much a menace to Christianity whether in Germany, Japan or in any other nation. How can we be drawn into the position of supporting imperialism, autocracy, racial superiority, or any other unchristian theory without deserving the charge of insincerity? To be respected Uncle Samuel must practice diplomacy on the principles of our government. Each international problem must be subjected to the light of our announced idealism. Good will, or as Drew Pearson put it, "The Golden Rule," is the only hope of permanent peace.

Uncle Jack asked little Celia if she didn't want him to play with her.

"Oh, no," she said, "we're playing Indian, and you're no use, 'cause you're already scalped."—Biblical Recorder.

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The confession
of failure to recognize the evils in Nazism on the part of the confessional German churches has clear implications. Karl Barth says that we will have to overcome the inheritance of Luther who, he believes, overstressed the separation of church and state. Blaming Luther seems pretty small for a theologian whose freedoms and theology were possible because of Luther. If the Lutherans of Germany had understood their Luther they would not now have to confess that they did not read early enough the menace to Christianity in Nazism. If we know Luther, his voice would have been loudest and boldest in denunciation of Hitler and his gang. But the implications for American Christianity are in the field of social action. The voice of American Lutheranism must be loud and insistent in the interests of social justice. Bad government is not of unconcern to the Church. Policies of government that are built on materialism, on selfish nationalism, on class interests, or on any other unjust principle, must face the light of Gospel truth. May American Lutheranism never have to offer the confession made by our German brethren.

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Caller: "When is the best time to see Mr. Smith?"

Stenographer: "That's hard to say. He's grouchy before he has his lunch and afterward he has indigestion."—Watchman-Examiner.

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General Eisenhower,
in a recent message to a seminary honoring its graduates who are serving as chaplains, said: "The work of the army chaplains has been of inestimable value to American forces in Europe. Their selflessness and their unfaltering devotion to the spiritual and material welfare of millions of Americans have won for them the admiration, respect and affection of all commanders. I am delighted that your seminary is taking special occasion to honor its graduates who have served in the Armed Forces of the United Nations during this war."

Linoln on Washington

"Washington's name is the mightiest name of earth-long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation.

On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be!

To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it.

In solemn awe we pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on."

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Norway
that suffered so much from German occupation did not become hardened. A simple human interest story illustrates the kindness that is in the hearts of most of the people of our world, if it has opportunity for expression. Why cannot this neighborliness dominate national policies?

A few days a go a little girl lay dying in a Copenhagen hospital. Now, thanks to swift international action involving three countries, an Allied transport plane and a cargo of bananas, the little girl may live. Danish specialists found the child to be suffering from a rare intestinal disease which only a diet of bananas could cure. A frantic search revealed that there was not a single banana in Denmark, neither were there any in Sweden. But, by some strange quirk of fate, Norway, the land of a thousand shortages, did happen to have the bananas. Only a few hours before, a whole shipload of this precious fruit, purchased by the Norwegian Government during the war, had arrived in Oslo from the Canary Islands. Within a few hours a special Red Cross transport permit had been arranged and an Allied plane rose from the Oslo airport and headed south, loaded with bananas, not bombs. With the mercy flight went the wishes of 3 million Norwegians, grateful for this opportunity to repay a small part of their debt of gratitude to Denmark and for a peaceful world which values so highly the life of a single child.

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Mistress—Did Freddie behave while I was away?

Maid—Yes, 'cepting he swallowed a bug, but I gave him some insect powder right away, so that's nothing to worry about, ma'am.—Watchword.

What Jesus Is to These

To the **artist** He is the One Altogether Lovely.

To the **architect** He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the **baker** He is the Living Bread.

To the **banker** He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the **biologist** He is the Life.

To the **builder** He is the Sure Foundation.

To the **doctor** He is the Great Physician.

To the **educator** He is the Great Teacher.

To the **farmer** He is the Lord of the Harvest.

To the **florist** He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the **geologist** He is the Rock of ages.

To the **jurist** He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.

To the **jeweler** He is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the **lawyer** He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the **horticulturist** He is the True Vine.

To the **newspaper man** He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the **oculist** He is the Light of the World.

To the **philanthropist** He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the **philosopher** He is the Wisdom of God.

To the **preacher** He is the Word of God.

To the **sculptor** He is the Living Stone.

To the **servant** He is the Good Master.

To the **statesman** He is the Desire of All Nations.

To the **student** He is the Incarnate Truth.

To the **theologian** He is the Author and Finisher of Our Faith.

To the **traveler** He is the New and Living Way.

To the **toiler** He is the Giver of Rest.

To the **sinner** He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

To the **Christian** He is the Son of the Living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer and Lord.—Author Unknown.

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

OUR most valuable NATURAL, and moral RESOURCE, is our YOUTH. May we always PROTECT, and PRESERVE it.

L. F. Speckman

Christians Can Help Japanese

By Rev. Luman J. Shafer, D.D.

Dr. Shafer was one of the deputation of four sent by the Federal Council of Churches to the Japanese Christians. Due to his many years of service as a missionary in Japan, he speaks Japanese, and his report consequently has unusual authority.

It was never clearer than in the visit of our deputation to Japan that Christianity is a powerful force for binding the peoples of the world together. We arrived in Japan just six weeks after the ceremony of surrender on the battleship Missouri, but we were welcomed by the Christians with deep affection and joy. That first meeting was an experience never to be forgotten. There were few words, only the hand clasp and tears. The surface of the sea had been troubled by the angry waves of war, but the ocean depths of Christian fellowship had not been disturbed. Miss Michi Kamai said in an address at one of our meetings: "We never doubted that you were praying for us."

A few days after our arrival there was a reception at the Y. M. C. A. attended by several hundred people. A former Vice-Minister of the Imperial Household who was present, said, "I doubt whether a meeting of this character could have been held under any other than Christian auspices."

He was so impressed, that, without our knowledge he recommended to Japanese authorities that an Imperial audience be arranged. Each member of the deputation was received separately by the Emperor and in all the conversations, which were published in the Japanese press, he made mention of the important part to be played by Christianity in developing peaceful relations between our two nations and peoples. This greatly encouraged our Christian friends in Japan and we were glad to be the occasion for this recognition of the place of the Church in binding up the wounds of war and in building up again the broken walls of peace.

The Japanese people face a dark future. It is absurd to say that they do not know they are defeated. Seventy of their great cities are in complete ruins. Communications are disrupted. Food is at a minimum. Normal life is at a standstill.. No one could live an hour amid this destruction and confusion and not know that the war could not have been continued longer. As one of the strong Christian leaders said: "Never before in our 2,600 years of history has our country faced so great a trial." But they also know that it was not so much America that brought this about as their own leadership. They clearly recognize that it was their own moral bankruptcy that brought them to this pass. It is for this reason as much as any that they look upon the army of occupation not as an instrument of oppression but as an army of deliverance.

It is the declared purpose of the Allied Military Government to give freedom to the Japanese people and to give them an opportunity to create a truly democratic society. If this can be done, as General MacArthur said to us, "You will have peace in the Orient for one thousand years." As the Japanese Christians themselves clearly understand, democracy without the undergirding of Christianity will have a precarious existence.

This constitutes at once an opportunity and a frightening responsibility for the Christian forces of Japan and the world. Can Christian statesmanship deploy the resources of the World Church in such a way as to bring the maximum impact of the Gospel to bear in the creation of this new Japan? If this can be done (and it must be done) Christianity will make a lasting contribution to world peace.

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Christ-Touched Men . . .

By Chaplain James E. Stockman

Chaplain Stockman is from our South Carolina Synod and prepared this splendid article for "Program Helps" the topics quarterly of the Augustana Synod Brotherhood. It is quoted by permission of Chaplain Stockman.

I have been told, or I read somewhere, that one of the world's most valuable coins is a penny made about the size of a twenty-five cent piece and contains about ten cents worth of silver. This particular coin bears the image of Tiberius Caesar and would be the delight of any coin collector.

Why is this particular coin of such great value? Certainly not because it was made about the year 30 A. D. There are many coins much older. It is not valuable because it bears the image of Tiberius Caesar, neither does its metal content give it any great value. Its value lies much deeper.

Here is the story or tradition behind this particular coin. You remember one time a man asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar?" Jesus, in reply to the man, asked him if he had a coin in his pocket. The man took out a coin and handed it to Jesus. Jesus looked at the coin and asked, "Whose inscription does it bear?" The man replied, "It bears the inscription of Tiberius Caesar." Then Jesus handed the coin back to its owner who put it in his pocket.

This valuable coin I am thinking about is the coin Jesus touched and handed back to its owner. Whether this story is true, I don't know, but that doesn't make any difference; the point of my story is this—things take on value when they are touched by Christ.

Men become valuable when they are touched by Christ. "Christ-touched men" is a phrase of unlimited possibilities—a thought to capture the imagination. I know every soul is valuable in the sight of God. Even the soul that is touched by Christ on the last day of its earthly existence becomes one of God's brightest gems.

Just now, I am thinking particularly of those Christ-touched men who have made this world a little better place in which to live, those men who have carried the touch of Christ to other men. Christ-touched men carry on the great missionary program of the Church. Christ-touched men are evangelizing this world. Christ-touched men are carrying on the great program of mercy among the poor, the sick, the orphans, and the unfortunates of this world. Christ-touched men serve as the salt of society. Christ-touched men will bring a just and lasting peace to this world, if it is ever to be had.

I used to worry terribly about how we could win this war. At one time, it looked almost hopeless. It looked as if the armed forces of the axis powers couldn't be stopped until they had over-run the earth. Yet, some of us felt that they had to be stopped. We did not despair because what has to be done can be done. Today, we don't have to worry about how to win the war—that has been assured.

Postwar Problems

Now we have another worry, even more serious. Some of us are worrying about what to do with the Victory since we have won the war. Such a worry is very real and acute. With the war over and the shooting stopped, the world finds itself in a position more serious than when the war was raging. There is famine, disease, hatred, bitterness, and chaos over a good portion of the earth. How will order be restored? How can a liveable way of life be restored to the peoples of the earth? Again, I do not despair. I believe there are enough Christ-touched men and women in this world to save the peace for God and humanity. Unless there are, we are sunk. Education, as much as we believe in it, cannot save us. No man-made laws or treaties can save the world. These have all been tried in vain. Only Christ-touched men can save this society of ours.

There are moments here and there to have representatives of religion at the peace table. What I want and what the world needs, is that all the representatives at the peace table be Christ-touched men; they can give us a peace that will last for all people regardless of what country or what organization they represent. This is our hope—this is the hope of the world—this is why we do not despair.

Observe Christ-touched Characters

Now to be a little more specific in our thinking. What happens when Christ touches a man? The Bible is too full of such examples for me to go very far here. It would be interesting and profitable for us to go through our New Testament and search out the Christ-touched characters and see what happened. I want to be specific enough to point out three things that happen when Christ touches a man. Other things happen too, but these three strike me as most important.

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First—there is established a faith in God's providential care. Such beautiful sentiments as God's taking note of a falling sparrow, or the numbering of the hairs on our head, become real and personal to us.

During these days of stress and strain in personal and national affairs, this thought should give us strength and comfort. We know that we do not walk alone. We know that God is with us and in this knowledge we can confidentially face the sacrifices and problems of this age.

During my years as an Army Chaplain with Air Corps troops, I have tried to preach the presence of God and His care for all His children. I have tried to preach about the God who flies in a Flying Fortress or a Liberator, and even when the plane goes down in flames, God is there with every member of the crew. A knowledge of the presence of God gives men courage and coolness to do their duty.

In the work of the Church at large, as in the service, Christ-touched men are adventurous and daring in the work of the Kingdom for they know their lives are in God's care and keeping.

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In the second place, Christ-touched men are men whose lives have been purged of evil. Such men repent for their sins and honestly go out and try to sin no more. Not only are their lives purified, but they try to be a wholesome influence in the community and nation. They go out and do good in the name of Christ. They make religion the motive behind social services, the only kind of social service that can do lasting good. They take care of the poor and unfortunate in the name of Christ. They support the great missionary program of the Church. They extend the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of people. *Christ-touched men are missionary men.*

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Finally, Christ-touched men have a sense of stewardship. All they have and are is only a trusteeship. They know that they are accountable to the Maker and Owner of all things. Not only are they accountable for the tenth of their income or resourcse, but they feel a great sense of accountability for the other nine-tenths as well. Their whole life takes on a great purpose, the purpose of being used for the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom. In the army we quite frequently hear God referred to as "The Boss Up There." These Christ-touched men are working for "The Boss Up There."

O Lord, permit my hand to touch
In faith, Thy seamless robe,
That all scattered parts of me
Infused with holy ecstasy
May form a living whole.
Remove the subtle barriers
Of will and strong desire.
Release the tensions of my heart
That keep my soul and Thee apart,
And teach me how to pray.
And, Lord, within that quietness
When I am awed and still,
Instruct my soul and heart and mind
That in Thy presence I may find
A mission to fulfill.
Make stronger all my faculties,
Inspire my mortal will;
Restore the springs of energy
That I may never fail to be
A weapon for the right.

—Chaplain R. W. Fribley

WORK WITH THE BOYS OF THE CHURCH
THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE UNITED
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
THE BROTHERHOOD'S FOURTH OBJECTIVE

Watch for the Brotherhood Boys' Work Stamp

Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Pastor Roger G. Imhoff

PRAY...

always,
without ceasing,
with thanksgiving,
boldly,
without wrath and doubting,
believing, ye shall receive,
that ye may be accounted worthy,
and it shall be done unto you.

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From the Secretary's Mail

Mr. Earle W. Bader:

Thank you very much for sending the "Comp" subscription. It does help graduating seniors in making that adjustment. It proved helpful to me.

Paul Becher, Pastor
St. John's Lutheran Church
64 E. Second St.
London, Ohio

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Mid-West Men Meet

November 13, 1945

Dear Editor,—

The Midwest Synodical Brotherhood held its sixth annual convention at Bennington, Neb. October 11 and 12. The Convention opened at 4:30 and Pastor C. R. Goldstein of Hanover, Kansas delivered the Vesper services sermon. The fellowship banquet held in the church basement entertained 130 guests. Dr. W. P. Heironymus, president of Midland college of Fremont Neb., gave the fellowship address. At the morning session on October 12 there were 43 delegates registered. A panel discussion "Dealing With Todays Moral Laxity" was held and proved very interesting. A question box conducted by Pastor Hugo Welchert and which brought up several subjects took up much of the afternoon session. Pastor Walter Rowoldt of Pender Neb, was the convention chaplain. The 43 delegates represented 15 local Brotherood organizations. The election and installation of officers concluded the convention.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. F. Stolze, Sec.

Mid-West is certainly coming to life these days, or are we just getting the news?—Ed.

Mid-West News

From the Mid-West Lutheran we note additional publicity for the Brotherhood.

Approrximately $385 was received for the hay sold by the SHELL CREEK folks. From their corn project they received $370. LINDY men are soliciting loads of corn and hogs, since there was no regular farming done by the organization this year. This for the building fund. The BENNINGTON group is on the upgrade, four new members were received lately: Herman Knuzden, Leonard and Wilbert Luschen, and Hugo Timm. LANHAM men are bending every effort to pay up the apportionment. Brotherhood Sunday was observed with a special service in the evening at CRESTON. Many did not report. Corn picking may have had precedence. FONTANELLE observed a guest night. Dr. Frank of Fremont was the speaker. The RIDGELEY Brotherhood picked up their acreage of corn.—Men have been appointed to write articles for the Brotherhood column beginning next month with President Philippi.

Resolutions are also included to the memory of the late John Klug a leader among the Lutheran men of Trinity, Columbus, Neb.

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Chaplain Buerger Explains

On the Atlantic,
Aboard the S. S. Antioch Victory
18 December 1945

Mr. Earle W. Bader, Ex. Sec.,
Lutheran Men,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bader:—

Quite a few months ago I wrote you a letter, the object of which was to widen my scope of activity and service to Lutheran men, of whatever synodical connection. Aparently this letter so pleased you that you saw fit to publish it in the May issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

It would seem, however, that there were some in my own synodical circles who took exception to at least a portion of what I wrote, for in due time I received a protest from my District President against an expression which appeared in that letter as it appeared in print. I do not have that issue with me, but approximately this statement appeared: "especially in the Army we disregard synodical lines." For clarity I should have added something like this: "in such cases where the individual has no opportunity to make contact with a chaplain of his own synodical affiliation." This was the intention of my statement, and in this manner I have acted in my career as Army Chaplain. And I have had some pleasant associations with men from various Lutheran bodies.

May I request that at least the essential part of this letter be given space in the same department of your paper which carried my original letter? I am still fervent in my hope that a sound unity of the Lutheran bodies will develop out of the discussion now in progress.

I am now en route home, and hope to enjoy the holidays, or at least the latter part thereof, with my family. Greetings of the season to you and your staff.

Fraternally yours,
(Chaplain) Edgar J. Buerger

P. S. I should also mention that my name should be droped from your mailing list for overseas mailing. My mailing address in the states (very temporary) will be 2408 La Rose Ave., Memphis (11), Tenn.

Too bad we have so many watching what we write with eagle eye. LUTHERAN MEN *believes synodical lines should be no barrier to Lutheran fellowship.—Ed.*

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A Challenge to Lutheran Men

112 Batavia Road
Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

Dear Editor:—

During the month of October it was the privilege of a number of us to attend a series of lectures at which Dr. A. J. Stirewalt explained the work of our Church in the foreign mission fields.

Never before have I heard this subject so well explained, so challengingly presented. Here is a great teacher and a great Christian. All who heard Dr. Stirewalt will never forget him.

His teachings and his example are being reflected in an upturn in interest in foreign mission work. It is high time, for our "isolationism," or I should say our miserly selfishness and complacency, have done a good strangulation job.

In order that others may read Dr. Stirewalt's challenge, his statistics which measure our acceptance of the commandment "Go ye—", I am sending you his final comments at the closing lecture of the series. Perhaps you may find it possible to include them in a future issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

When the ULCA gives only 38 cents annually per member to the cause of foreign missions, when we can look upon that record complacently, and when we hear no words of indictment from our leaders—can we expect or deserve "peace on earth?"

And may His peace attend you and yours.

Sincerely,
Walter C. Koehler

Thank you again Brother Koehler for being alert for good things for LUTHERAN MEN. *We have held your contribution for February—Foreign Mission month.—Ed.*

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Missionary Stirewalt's Message

The command of our Lord to give his message of salvation to every creature is clear, emphatic, and final.

If anyone ignores what God has said about it, there is another reason why it should be done, viz, the need on the part of our fellowmen for this very message. In the non-Christian world where people are without Christ's gospel—without God's message which teaches man how to live—the needs are most apparent and affect people in all their relationships. Ignorance, illiteracy, superstition, poverty, disease, a high mortality rate, a low position accorded woman, a lack of progress, and all which deprives life of its fullness make a tremendous appeal which should impel those who constitute the body of Christ to minister unto them as Christ himself ministered when on earth.

But if we ignore what Christ has commanded and also harden our hearts against the appeal of our fellowmen, there is yet another major reason why the message of redemption should be delivered. It is that of self-defense. Surely everyone is interested in the preservation of self. The bewildering rapidity of modern travel makes the carrying of disease germs from distant places to our shores an impending danger. The stagnation of more than two-thirds of the people of our race who are not helping to think retards the progress of the whole race, and we are deprived of the vast benefits which might have been attained. What might have been accomplished had all the people been efficiently active during the past!

The only way to make our world a safe world is to make it a good world. The world has but one saviour and there will be no other. Unless he saves there is no hope of people becoming better. We Christians know what is wrong with the world, and we know the cure of the world's ills. We have Christ's formula for making the world better. We are the only ones who do have it. We are the only ones commissioned to use it, the only ones qualified to use it. Therefore, the matter of making this world better rests upon us Christians; and the urgency has been accentuated because of the recent development of new methods of destruction. A recent writer has stated that the atomic bomb secreted at the seventy-two most strategic places in the United States, and set off at an appointed time, would leave practically nothing of our industries, destroy a great part of our population, and render our country impotent before invading forces. Unless something is done, within a few years we will all be sitting under the sword of Damocles. The only security we can have is to have a world in which people's intentions are helpful rather than destructive. Only a change of heart can bring this about and only the gospel message can effect the change. We Christians are the custodians of this message.

You perhaps ask, "What then can I as an individual do about it?"

1. You can heed the command of our Lord to go and teach the truth which makes people free and better. Note that all the world means what it says, and includes the part you are now in; but also note that when this command was given there were but few believers in Palestine, and yet Jesus said, "unto the uttermost part of the earth". Tradition indicates that at least some of the eleven took the message to distant places.

2. If there are sufficient reasons why you yourself can not go, you can help financially support those who do go.

3. You can influence others to go, and still others to help support the cause. It is reasonable to state that the average person underestimates his influence. No one, however lowly, is entirely without it. It constitutes an opportunity and everyone is responsible for what he is capable of doing.

4. You can pray. If you cannot go, if you have nothing to give, and if your influence seems ineffectual, you can pray. There can be no reason which would excuse one from that. It costs no money, it can be done at any time, and need not interfere with one's usual duties. The promise of having something done for the mere asking is sufficient to make one excited and to cause him to pray without ceasing. (Psa. 2:8; Lk. 10:2; John 14:13; Jas. 5:16; etc.) A life close to Christ will frequently consult with Christ. The intensity and frequency of prayer depend on the intensity of desire. In the model prayer given us, we pray, "Thy Kingdom come"—or do we merely say it, But it is inconsistent to pray that the kingdom come and not obey the command to work for its coming.

Money is far from being the most important thing in the evangelization of the world, but it is one of the necessary factors, and it seems to be sort of a meter by which we estimate the average person's interest in the work of the kingdom. If this financial meter measures our prayers as well, perhaps the average one of us is not on very good speaking terms with our Lord.

The baptized membership of our United Lutheran Church averages about eighteen cents per person per year for this cause. The communing membership averages thirty-eight cents. Is this just about what is needed to accomplish the work Christ left for us to do? Is it about what our Lord expects of us? Is it commensurate with our ability? If an increase is necessary may we wait until our Lord increases our financial possessions?

Within certain limits we do the things we want to do, and it is a fair statement to say that we are interested in the salvation of others to the extent that we place value on our own salvation. If we really believe that there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ alone can save from the one and give certainty for citizenship in the other, an average of one hundred dollars per person per year would be but a modest effort in making Christ's sufferings effectual to lost humanity.

The example of others of our day may make our vision clearer.

We could mention one congregation is now supporting twenty missionaries in five different countries. The congregation has 200 members

none of whom receive more than $50. per week income.

Another congregation, during the ministry of one pastor, sent out forty-five missionaries—probably not all were on the field at the same time.

Still another congregation a few years ago—probably now also—was supporting twenty-two missionaries on foreign fields.

Attention has been called to a small congregation of twenty members all of whom are in very modest economical circumstances, which gives each year $1,000 to the work of foreign missions—$50 per person per year.

From the year book of a certain denomination which numbers 201,000 members here in the homeland, we find that it has three times this number of converts on its mission fields. It necessitates the use of 810 different languages to reach the people in the 413 different countries and groups of islands where it works. This church has sent out almost 5,000 missionaries since the year 1900, and contributes toward this work at the rate of $22 per capita per year. Its total annual contributions of $77.14 per person, for all causes, amount to more than the total valuation of the property of its 2,700 churches in the United States.

Another denomination has the reputation of supporting one missionary abroad to every sixty members it has here in the homeland. Its converts abroad are several times as many as here in the United States.

Our Lord did not command his followers to do something unreasonable or impossible. The thing to be attained will be a blessing to all people. As long as the world remains as it is we will continue to suffer along with others; but when it is made better we will share the benefits. With our Lord's promise to work with us "even unto the end of the world", IT CAN BE DONE.

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Advance Publicity!

December 26th, 1945

Dear Editor:

Last year when we sought a news announcement of the annual outdoor Lutheran Rally we sponsor during the summer we found to our regret that we were more than a month too late in getting the item to you.

This year we propose taking time by the forelock and now make intimation that our guest speaker for 1946 will be Dr. C. Franklin Koch, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Social Missions of the U. L. C. A.

Unfortunately in this first announcement we cannot give you the exact date but it will be either the 23rd of June or the 7th of July.

No doubt some of the Brothers that read LUTHERAN MEN are planning a visit to Canada this summer; to these we extend a hearty invitation to make themselves known and to take part in this Lutheran Rally in the Lutheran centre of Canada.

Fraternally yours,
Arnim M. Bitzer
Secretary

Nothing slow about Canada! This is what you call advance advance publicity!—Ed.

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How They Do It!

28-32 South Tulpehocken St.
Pine Grove, Pennsylvania
December 15, 1945

Dear Editor:

I thought you and the readers of LUTHERAN MEN would be interested in how the Brotherhood of St. John's Lutheran Church welcomed home its sons who have been discharged from the service. While they were in the armed forces we kept contact with them by letters, gifts, Birthday cards and etc. Many members of our Congregation as well as others throught-out the country, had an idea that the ex-service men would "flock" to Church because of their experiences in the war. This "balloon of thought" burst several months ago when many boys received their discharges. Those who came regularly before they entered the service also came when they came back, but those others for whom a star was placed on the Church's service banner because they had some connecton with the church through their wives, sweethearts or other relatives were never found at the Brotherhood meetings or church services. That was the group we were most interested in to give new blood to the church organization.

1. We made up a list of all men who had received their discharges and of service men home on furloughs at that time.

2. We sent each one a letter telling them how glad we were that they were again in our midst and enclosed a ticket to a "Welcome Home" banquet in the Sunday School rooms on Dec. 13th at 6:30 p. m.

3. We sent a letter and ticket to each member of the Brotherhood and to the Fathers of the service men and discharged veterans and urged them to be present to welcome home the boys.

4. The men of tne Brotherhood contacted as many of the above mentioned men personally and by telephone as was possible urging them to be present.

5. The Brotherhood prepared and served the banquet army style, the following being the menu—hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, corn, olives, pickles, bread and butter, water, coffee, cookies and ice-cream.

6. The social room was decorated with a huge banner saying "Welcome Home, Our Heroes", the service flag and another poster showing the discharge emblem and saying "those who wear this emblem we honor". The tables were decorated with Christmas napkins, spruce, candles, Christmas flowers and the center piece was a typical Swiss winter scene showing a frozen lake, snow covered hills, trees, houses, church, deer cattle and etc.

7. The men were welcomed by the new President of the Brotherhood, a discharged veteran, and the Pastor. A highly decorated discharged G. I. gave a response. Christmas carols were sung by the group, a quartette entertained and the speaker of the evening was a pastor of a local church who was just discharged from the Army having served as a Chaplain for 3½ years in this war, having the rank of major. He has two sons in the service and himself was a veteran of the first World War. He brought a marvelous challenge to the men speaking as a pastor and a vet.

8. Paid tribute to the father of our Congregation having the most sons in the service. He was present with three of his discharged sons and one is still in the service in Hawaii.

9. Silent tribute and prayer for the 4 members of our Congregation who gave their all for their country.

10. Presented each of the service men and ex-service men with a genuine leather bill fold with their initials engraved in gold. On the inside of the wallet we had a 1946 religious calendar and our church directory.

Will this event pay dividends? We think so. Several of the men present have already enrolled in the adult Catechetical class. The ice has been broken—the men were inside the Church and attended a Brotherhood meeting. We are sure they will return and take their place in the

"Army of Christ" as they did in the service of their country.

Respectfully yours,
Clarence E. Kerschner
Vice-President
East Penna. Conference Brotherhood,
Central Penna. Synod

This letter was written in red ink on wrapping paper 24"—9". It got editorial attention but the printer says "Once is enough." Good planning, St. John's, your GI's should respond.—Ed.

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An Editorial

U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT
McAlester, Oklahoma
5 October 1945

Dear Editor:

It is quite possible that I shall be a civilian before too long. Before I leave the service, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed "LUTHERAN MEN." Your informative and attractive magazine was usually worn thin before it made the rounds.

Returning from overseas I found myself in the "editing business." At full production we had 8,000 civilian and 1250 military personnel.

Our returning Lutheran servicemen will look to Lutheran men of the home front for guidance into paths of Christian usefulness.

Sincerely yours,
Carl F. Yaeger
Chaplain USNR

Chaplain Yeager is chief chaplain at the above depot and edits "The McAnad News". As one ed. to another it is a mighty readable news sheet. Congratulations! And thanks a lot for the "puff" for L. M. Ed.

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Improving Our Leadership

This is primarily the minister's task, and rightly so. If the pastor does not have the "know-how" along with the "show-how", he cannot expect to have the confidence of his flock, nor can he expect them to know what to do and how to do it.

He will select men of ability, and tell them with frankness what he wants accomplished and why. It is his responsibility to help these recruits get the right start, hoping that once they are caught in the momentum of their duties, their own initiative and originality will keep them going.

Another valuable means of guiding fledgling leaders is through a regularly adopted constitution, a device whose importance is usually best seen by groups who have none.

By a constitution, a tried and tested order of procedure and organization is established by which men may be guided. Football and baseball are games. Without rules of play baseball could scarcely be distinguished from football. If no game can be played without some rules, it is equally important that an organization of the Church be centered around commonly acknowleged aims and procedures.

A constitution provides for committees and specifies their functions. It points out that a chairman or president is responsible for seeing that these committees function. It offers a protection for both officers and members by defining responsibilities, establishing legal routine, providing a ground of sanction or appeal when actions of any nature are undertaken.

As one officer surrenders his authority to another officer in the democratic process that goes on year after year in organizations like the Brotherhood, often it is only tradition that prevents the organization from falling into chaos. The bulwark of that tradition is centered in a working constitution.

What shall we look for in our leaders? What are the tests of Brotherhood leadership or of any leadership?

First, does he know the purpose of his office, and the aims of the organization in which he belongs? Perhaps we could caption this "enthusiasm". Does he offer that spark of energy, that flame of zeal that spells the difference between a mediocre meeting and an inspiring meeting? Is his vigor infectious? Do others lose their indifference under his leadership? What we are trying to point out is that the leader "sells" the idea of Brotherhood to others who see in it a worthy objective.

Along with this ability to "sell" comes a second quality we need in our leaders—the ability to dramatize what they wish accomplished. It was said of one man selling insurance that he "ate, slept, dreamed, and sang insurance." The leader of the Brotherhood must "eat, sleep, dream, and sing" the Brotherhood. He lives it!

Among the great leaders of history can be found countless men and women who were able to dramatize their mission. No more dramatic life can be found in all time than that of Jesus of Nazareth, who lived what he believed, who was what he preached, who spoke the Word and was the Word.

A third test of leadership is noted in the attitude of the group. Does the leader maintain a pleasant situation during the meetings? Are sessions without irony and rancor? Is the leader clever enough to pour oil on troubled machinery, to heal possible wounds with an application of humor? Humor is surely a Christian virtue. How many times we forget that the gospel is one of "glad tidings!"

Fourthly, does the leader try to get the maximum participation from each member? Is each man doing his share? Does he come to the meeting and ask, "What can I do?", or does he come and state, "Here I am. Entertain me!" Perhaps this is the most pointed challenge a leader has—getting each man to take his part, having them "bear one another's burdens." In this sense the leader must be an educator. "Educate" comes from a Latin word which means "to lead out". The leader educates by leading others "in" to greater service.

The final test of leadership must come as an outcome of all those already mentioned: does the group continue to function normally when the leader is gone? Does it go on with its work as if the leader were still present? Has leadership within the rank and file of the organization been so developed that they can carry on independently of the head? If it can, there can be no greater tribute to any leader.

How well we know that this theory is far from the reality of practice! How well we know how difficult it is to get any leaders who are willing! But the challenge will always stand! "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," says Christ, and we let Him enter our hearts; he will surely take us out into the world again as workers in the Kingdom!

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Joe—What is the difference between a jailer and a jeweler?

Mike—I give up.

Joe—Well, the jailer watches cells, and the jeweler sells watches.—The Watchword.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Boy's Work

Fourth Objective Stamp

The Brotherhood's Fourth Objective commits the members of the Brotherhood to the task of "Keeping the boys in the Church."

Until the time of the Minneapolis Convention, there was very little constructive effort to provide a year-round Church related program for our Lutheran boys. It is true that many Brotherhoods sponsored an annual Father and Son Dinner where the boys enjoyed the fellowship with the older men.

A new day dawned for our Lutheran boys when the Church turned the Boy Scout program over to the Brotherhood. We believe that very commendable progress has been made during the past year in carrying out the action of the Minneapolis Convention in 1944.

Directors and Boy Scout Committees have been set up in nearly all of our Synods and Conferences. A vast quantity of Boy Scout literature and Scouting manuals have been distributed without charge to all who requested same. An enormous amount of clerical work was required to compile the Boy Scout statistics for the U. L. C. A. congregations, and thousands of letters and bulletins have been mailed from Headquarters to pastors and laymen in promoting Boy Scouting.

All of this notable work could not have been accomplished without considerable expense. Except for a few generous gifts from Synodical Brotherhoods and individuals, all of the Boy Scout promotion expense was borne by the Brotherhood.

Most of our members and friends know that our Brotherhood conventions are usually held prior to the conventions of The United Lutheran Church. When the Brotherhood convened in Minneapolis, the delegates could not anticipate the action of the Church in transferring Boy Scouting to the Brotherhood, and consequently, there was no budget provision for promoting Scout work.

There was only one course left for us to follow—we must carry out the mandate of the Church and utilize funds that were earmarked for brotherhood promotion with the hope that same could be replaced, and adequate provision for Boy Scout work made at a later date.

We believe you want the Boy Scout program to be made available to every congregation in the Church. The Brotherhood's Church Message Stamps for 1946 were especially designed with this purpose in mind. They are just as attractive as the previous stamps and you will be proud to use them on your letters and parcels.

This stamp No. 3 to be known as *"The Boys Work Stamp"* will be ready for distribution in April 1946. The sale of these stamps will be promoted by the adult men of the Church and will not violate the rule of The Boy Scouts of America forbidding the Scouts to engage in commercial enterprises.

Please remember that "The Fourth Objective Stamp" will be the only Brotherhood Church Message Stamp to be issued this year. Your hearty cooperation will be appreciated.

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The Brotherhood on the March!

Our Service Men are returning to their congregations and the Brotherhood is again marching forward.

Requests are pouring in from all sections of the Church for literature and assistance to establish new Brotherhoods. Organization packets are going out from Brotherhood Headquarters at a greater rate than ever before. The Pittsburgh Synod received fifty packets recently, and the other Synodcal officers are working feverishly to revitalize their congregational Brotherhoods that have been inactive during the war.

The Brotherhood Loyalty Months provide an unequalled opportunity to get your local brotherhood program set up for the coming year. This is the time to appoint committees for each of "The Six Objectives." Also, to select your speakers and assign the LUTHERAN MEN topics for the entire year of 1946.

You will undoubtedly need additional LUTHERAN MEN for your topic chairmen and the other members of your organization. We are making a special effort to secure a paid subscription for each one of the 2500 complimentary subscriptions that have been coming to our chaplains and members in the armed forces.

This encouraging report forecasts a great future for the Brotherhood. Let us be reminded that the time is past when war-time excuses for inactivity could be accepted. Every congregation can have a flourishing brotherhood if the pastor and laymen work hand-in-hand to build one. A successful brotherhood does not come of itself. It may require some effort, but it will repay incalculable dividends in consecrated Christian service.

Let us resolve that this New Year of peace and opportunity will find each one of us constantly striving to keep the Brotherhood on the March!

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Mrs. Kapp Called In Her 92nd Year

The Synod of Ohio news bulletin for December 1945 contains the following item:

Mrs. Sarah C. Kapp, widow of the late Rev. J. W. Kapp, D. D., former pastor of First Church, Cincinnati, died October 14th in her 92nd year. Funeral services were held October 17th.

Mrs. Kapp, wife of our beloved former Executive Secretary of The U. L. C. A. Brotherhood survived her husband by ten years. Dr. Kapp entered into rest in September 1935 in his 86th year. That this sainted couple lived to a ripe old age speaks well for the peace and contentment which they shared in their service for the Master. We recall the gracious hospitality when we were entertained at their home in Norwood, (Cincinnati) Ohio, ten years ago.

The Brotherhood will never forget the consecrated labors of Execu-

tive Secretary Kapp who served the Brotherhood faithfully for a period of ten years, (1925-1935).

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Carry Your Card

This attractive individual membership card indentifies you as belonging to an *active* men's organization affiliated with the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood. This card printed in colors with the "Six Objectives" on the reverse side will be mailed free of charge in quantities for general distribution to each brotherhood that pays their 1946 U. L. C. A. Membership.

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The Brotherhood and Lent

Ash Wednesday falls on March 6th this year. The Church-wide emphasis on Evangelism will give added support in promoting the Brotherhood's spiritual objectives: 1. Win the Unsaved for Christ; 2. Bring Back the Lapsed Member; 3. Increase the Attendance of Men at the Church Service. All three should be pressed home in these pre-Lenten days.

Perhaps no other suggestion of the Brotherhood has received a better response from the Church than the plan of having the local Brotherhood conduct a personal visitation to bring in the lapsed members and to win the unchurched during the season immediately preceding Lent. It has been my observation that such a visitation,, if entered into with consecration and vigor will stimulate the spiritual life of the congregation and community, and increase the attendance at the mid-week Lenten services and the Lord's Supper during the Easter season.

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Testimonial

Harry A. Fritsch, well known in church activities for many years was honored last night with a testimonial dinner by the executive board of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church for his 20 years of service as superintendent of the Sunday school. One hundred and fifty members of the Sunday school were present.

Rev. Frederick L. Fritsch, Upper Darby, son of Mr. Fritsch, was toastmaster at the affair and introduced his father's many friends and coworkers who testified to his wide interests and successful work in the Sunday school since 1925.

Friends from other churches spoke of Mr. Fritsch's work in Christian Endeavor and as an organizer of the Sunday School Superintendents Association of Allentown of which he was recently elected president.

Rev. George A. Greiss, pastor of the church for many years, presented a gift to Mr. Fritsch in the name of the men of the Sunday school. Fred Weidner read a humorous poem.

Rev. Guy E. McCarney, Conshohocken, was speaker of the evening and gave a feeling message on "Loyalty.'

Rev. Raymond F. Weider, Montoursville, gave the invocation. This was followed by the dinner and group singing led by Dale Smyth, pianist.

Among the sons of St. Paul's Sunday school who spoke were Rev. Ralph T. Baily, Rev. George F. Held, Rev. Russell W. Stine, Rev. Elmer P. Truches, Rev. Raymond F. Wieder and Rev. Lawrence Jongewaard.

Friends from other organizations who brought greetings were: Walter F. Schneck, vice president of S. S. Superintendents Association, Warren D. Mller, general secretary, YMCA; Earle W. Bader, executive secretary of ULCA Brotherhood; Frank H. Fenstermacher, president, Highland Park Camp Meeting Association.

Mrs. W. F. Acker sang several solos and marimba selections were played by Dolores and Shirley Ebert.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Ralph Baily, Lyons.

—Allentown Call

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Said Augustine: "An evil thought passes thy door first as a stranger. Then it enters as a guest. Then it installs itself as a master."—Christian Index.

A Live Brotherhood

By E. P. ALLDREDGE

A live Brotherhood in your church will be doing ten things:

1. **Backing the Pastor:** giving him the best helpers in the world—the men of his own church.

2. **Blazing the Way:** giving thoughtful and constructive leadership to all departments of church work.

3. **Bearing the Burdens:** lifting the loads of doubt, debt, indifference and disaster that come to all churches.

4. **Binding the Brokenhearted:** with visitation and kind words and prayer, bringing comfort and hope to all the distressed.

5. **Building the Fellowship:** helping the whole membership of the church to be more kind, more loving, more appreciative, more brotherly, more joyful.

6. **Boosting the Work:** rejoicing to have part in the greatest work in the world and to encourage everyone else to have part.

7. **Breaking the News:** giving publicity to all the splendid achievements of the Church and Denomination and telling the world of the high privileges, services, fellowships and joys of the Christian religion.

8. **Bringing the Lost:** to church school, to church, to men's meetings, to Christ—to dedication to his will, and consecration to his service.

9. **Budging the Budget:** witnessing for Christ and worshipping Him by joyfully bringing the **tithes** and offerings into his courts each Lord's Day.

10. **Blessing the World:** going out to the needy, broken, suffering world in the spirit of Him who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give his life as a ransom for many."

Vice-President Harry A. Fritsch Honored at Testimonial Dinner

Some of the prominent guests at the dinner were: Rev. G. E. McCarney, Rev. Frederick L. Fritsch, Harry A. Fritsch, Warren D. Miller, Earle W. Bader, Frank H. Fenstermacher, Rev. George A. Greiss.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

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Our New Editor

It is a privilege to introduce Mr. George A. Eichler, Ph. D., Northampton, Pa. as the departmental editor for Boy Scouting in LUTHERAN MEN. Brother Eichler needs no introduction to thhe laymen and pastors of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania where he has served as president of the Synodical Brotherhood.

He is married to a college graduate and the Eichler's have three children, one son and two daughters. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Northampton, Pa. where Dr. Eichler has a long record of faithful service as an Adult Bible Class Teacher. He is superintendent of schools in Northampton, Pa. where he has served since 1930, and is affiliated with a number of educational societies and holds an honorary membership in the Kappa Phi Kappa educational fraternity.

His Boy Scouting experience covers a period of twenty-two years, and he has received the Silver Beaver award from The Boy Scouts of America for his distinguished service to boyhood. He is the chairman of the Whitehall District—Boy Scouts of America and is the Director of Boy Scoutng in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Brotherhood is fortunate in securing the services of one so eminently qualified by practical experience and cultural background to edit the Boy Scout page in LUTHERAN MEN. The writer joins with the U. L. C. A. Executive Committee and Dr. Eichler's host of friends in extending hearty greetings and sincere good wishes for the success of this department.

(Earle W. Bader, Director)

In accepting responsibility for the material to be published under the title Lutheran Boy Scouts in LUTHERAN MEN Magazine, it will be my constant purpose to work toward the realization of our goal—"A Scout Troop in every Congregation." It is generally taken for granted by most men that Scouting presents a good program of boy activities. Many of our men also believe that sponsorship of Boy Scouts is the greatest opportunity ever presented to the Brotherhood. We have a program and we have a commission. Action is now the watchword. Every congregation which does not now sponsor Scouts should give immediate thought to this matter. It is true that sponsoring Scouts presents problems like any other important undertaking. None of the problems are insurmountable. A few men who are interested in

Zion Lutheran Brotherhood Boy Scout Orchestra

Northampton, Pa.

First Row (left to right)

Raymond Brown (drums); Robert Klotz (piano), Scoutmaster.

Second Row

Erwin Lindenmoyer, William Kramlich, George Eichler, William Klotz, James Kramlich, John Bartholomew, Charles Schisler, Lloyd Schisler, Chairman of Troop 26.

Third Row

Ernest Haller, First Chairman of Troop and Commissioner of Whitehall District B.S.A.; Rev. A. S. Deibert, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Chaplain of Troop; Dr. G. A. Eichler, Past President of Brotherhood of Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Director of Scouting for Ministerium, Chairman of Whitehall District, Lehigh Council B.S.A. Holder of Beaver Award.

All Scouts and Scouters on the picture are members of Troop 26 sponsored by the Brotherhood of Zion Lutheran Church, Northampton, Pennsylvania. There are three sets of fathers and sons in the group.

The orchestra is two years old and has played at many Church and Scout affairs. Its latest engagement was at the Annual Meeting of Lehigh Council B.S.A.

boys and have a genuine desire to do something definite for them can solve all the problems that will be encountered without much difficulty.

Scouting in the Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Committee on Scouting publishes an excellent 70 page Manual of Procedures entitled Scouting in the Lutheran Church. It has five chapters as follows: I The Need of the Program, II How to Organize a Church Troop, III Lutheran Investiture Ceremony, IV Troop Finances, V Programming and Programs. New committees, before going ahead, should study this Manual carefully.

Pro Deo et Patria Award

The Twelfth Scout Law reads, "A Scout is reverent toward God; he is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion." Here is where the Church enters the picture. The Scouting Movement depends upon the Church to supervise the spiritual development of the Scout. The Lutheran Committee on Scouting has prepared a number of religious projects to parallel the Scouting requirements. The Pro Deo et Patria Award is presented in recognition of the fulfillment of these religious requirements which represent 150 hours of work. There are definite requirements for Tenderfoot Scouts, Second Class Scouts and First Class Scouts. Each of the requirements includes Evidence of daily Bible reading and regular Church attendance as well as a certain number of hours of service to Church and Community. Other requirements are: Knowledge of Prayers for Church and Home, Knowledge of Church Year, Knowledge of the Creed, Knowledge of the Altar and Appointments, Knowledge of the Word and Sacraments, Knowledge of the Church Liturgy. The Award is authorized by the National Council Boy Scouts of America. A new 40-page Manual explaining in detail the Pro Deo at Patria Award for Lutheran Boy Scouts has just come off the press. Send to Headquarters for a sample. Let us know the names of your Scouts working for this award.

Help to make this department useful to all Scout officials by reporting your successes. Write us about Scouting doings in your troop. Let us do a good turn by sharing with others activities which have been worthwhile. Send us pictures of your Scouts in action. Send us newspaper clippings. Tell us of work well done by your Scouts. We would like to make this page a clearing house of helpful suggestions. Will you help? Send your contributions to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In view of the helpful page which we expect to edit it will be necessary for all Scout Officials to be subscribers to LUTHERAN MEN in order to benefit by suggestions given.

Findlay Troop Receives Charter

Dear Mr. Bader:

The St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood of Findlay, Ohio at their December Meeting were presented with a Charter for a Boy Scout Troop #38 in the Put-Han-Sen Council. Ten boys were invested as tenderfoot scouts at a candle light tenderfoot Investiture at this meeting. This is our answer to your plea in LUTHERAN MEN. Our Brotherhood is proud to sponsor this Lutheran youth movement and our hope is that it be a permanent fixture in our Church.

Yours truly,
Fred Gohlke, Scoutmaster
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood
Findlay, Ohio

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Lutheran Men in Bible Study Classes

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An Open Forum . . .

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I have been told a number of times by teachers of adult classes that they cannot hold the attention of their students unless they entertain them. They complain that as soon as an attempt is made to get down to brass tacks on religion and its application the class members gaze into space and take on a bored expression.

Do most classes of men or women feel that way about the lesson period? Is it worthwhile to spend thirty or forty minutes in this way?

No one knows what is in the mind of class members or how all of them feel about the study period. But I have an idea, based on some observation, that some members of classes are looking for a form of entertainment. Some undoubtedly regard the class session as a pleasant way to spend a half hour on Sunday morning, but are annoyed by any attempt on the part of a teacher to stimulate them to do any thinking. After all, thinking is the hardest work in the world, and therefore very few welcome it. These "students" are not much interested in learning anything. They were passively willing to have their prejudices and pet ideas confirmed or encouraged. They like things to go along in about the same way every Sunday morning, as the automobile driver likes the long open stretches of level highway in Indiana and Illinois. They don't want to be bothered with any change of gears or application of the brakes.

A considerable number come to class with a poor, hazy, muddled sort of purpose, which they could not describe to any one else. Whatever appeals to fancy or feelings is O. K. It's pleasant, easy, comfortable, and rather soothing to one's conscience to feel that he has been in Sunday school, even though he may not remember anything that happened. Is that anything more than entertainment?

Entertainment and fellowship are wholesome parts of a church program for adults. But it is far from clear that the study session is the time for it. A real educatiional experience is needed as a basic part of the plan for grownups, and Sunday morning is usually the only available time, unless weeknight study or discussion groups have been made a part of the scheme. Shall this small informational opportunity be thrown away?

The more serious-minded members of classes want something more basic and substantial than fun as the backbone of the teaching session. They feel the need of something, supplemental to the sermon and of a different character, to strengthen the underpining of faith and living. They yearn for help toward a Christian approach to and solution of the harassing enigmas of day-to-day experience. While many will walk a mile to avoid the unpleasant heaviness of thinking, others eagerly desire new ideas, suggestions, and something to turn over in their minds; they find a thrill in meeting issues and perplexing questions. And others are anxious to learn about sources of additional information—books, magazines, journals, persons, places, and agencies.

Yes, some are looking for entertainment, and not much more. They really do not know what they want, though they feel a yen for something to satisfy them. But I believe that many more are in search of stronger meat. Let's feed those who are hungry, and try to build up an appetite in the others.

Why should men and women attend an adult Sunday school class? Isn't the religion that they learned in childhood true today? Why isn't that good enough?

The learning of childhood is not adequate for adult living for many reasons. Many children, now grown up, did not learn very much or very well because of poor teaching. One half of the children and young people are not enrolled in any Sunday school at present, and in years gone by the proportion was even smaller. They had no chance to get the benefits of Sunday because their elders did not provide it for them. Vast numbers also have always been quite irregular in attendance. It has always been the case that some children miss one-fourth, one-half, and even three-fourths of the sessions. Some children are in a Sunday school only a few Sundays in a year. In many cases their parents have been at fault, but the children have been the victims.

Furthermore, the religion which children are able to absorb may be sufficient to help them live and meet their own daily issues, but their total situation is very different from that of grown-ups. What suffices for one is utterly insufficient for the other. Childhood life is simple and moves pretty much on the surface of things, as viewed by more mature persons. The adult needs something deeper and different.

Men and women are up at the point in age and experience where they have to face pressing, grave issues. They reach out into the social, industrial, economic, vocational, community, family, moral, national, and world problems which surround everyone. Each one is called upon to understand them, to take an intelligent Christian attitude in regard to them, and to use every Christian means toward solving them.

In order to do these things one needs an adult form of religion. A child cannot grasp the basic connection between Christian principles and industrial, economic, or national problems. But a man must try to do so, difficult as it may be. And he has also to face family issues, personal conflicts, organizational stresses, and the intricacies of marriage. A childish viewpoint cannot deal with these things. But many men and women are trying to cope with the mighty conflicts with the feeble weapons which they acquired many years ago. They are current editions of Don Quixotte fighting the windmills, and losing almost every tilt.

Grown-ups need all the spiritual help they can get from the church services and from their study and discussion groups. In many instances they do not get as much help as ought to be given. Our Bible study needs to be linked as closely as possible with all the areas of living. Detailed information on obscure events in Bible history will serve us poorly, but the great messages of Jesus, the apostles, the prophets, and the lawgivers will help us understand and meet the great issues which are always joined.

Topic of the Month

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The Challenge to Reconsecrate Self

TOPIC FOR MARCH, 1946

AIM: To discover anew the fathomless love of God as expressed in the sufferings and death of the Son of God, and then to reach definite decisions concerning ways in which loyalty to the Saviour shall be expressed.

NOTE: The topic material found below is not intended to be read at the Brotherhood meeting. It is intended for reading by all members of the Brotherhood, and particularly the topic leader, before the March meeting is held, in order that all members of the Brotherhood might be stimulated to participate in a hearty discussion of the topic.

Worship

Hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—No. 97 C.S.B., or No. 76 P.S.H.

The Litany, as a special office—Cf. Common Service Book

or

The Bidding Prayer—Cf. Common Service Book

or

Free prayer by some member of the Brotherhood who has been previously informed that he will be called upon.

Hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"—No. 62 C.S.B., or No. 57 P.S.H.

Special music.

The Topic

The aim for this month's topic challenges us to do two things: (1) discover anew the fathomless love of God; and (2) reach definite decisions concerning ways in which we will express our loyalty to the Saviour who suffered and died on our behalf. No topic could be more timely for the Lenten season than this one. It should lead to earnest self-examination on the part of all members of our Brotherhood.

How Are Men Saved?

Long ago, in catechetical class, we learned the answer to this question when we memorized the words: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, secured and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with his holy and precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness."

According to this explanation of the Second Article of the Creed we are saved because Jesus Christ became our representative and took upon himself all our sins and paid the penalty for them. As our representative Jesus fulfilled the law's demands and reconciled us to the Father. Just as sin came into the world through one man, Adam, so forgiveness and the assurance of an endless fellowship with God were brought to all men through Jesus Christ.

No illustration can adequately portray what Jesus did for mankind in his redemptive work. And yet illustrations are helpful. Suppose you were a victim of some dreaded disease which had gone so far that no surgery and no medical science could help you. Death was reaching forth its bony fingers to snatch you from this world. But then some friend with supernatural power came to you and said, "I'll help you. The only way in which you can be cured is for me to take your disease upon myself. But I'll do it. I'll take your place in death." Your friend then took your place and died in order that you might live. That is a picture of what Jesus did for us. "He bore our sins in his own body on the tree." His death freed us from the effects of the disease, yes, and opened up to us the doors of everlasting life.

But this of course does not mean that all men will be saved. Christ indeed died for all, and his atonement is sufficient to pay for the sins of the whole world, and yet some men will be eternally lost. Only those who extend the hand of faith and accept the gift which God would bestow upon them, shall have life eternal.

Why Are Men Lost?

It is indeed amazing that anyone who has been brought to a knowledge of Jesus Christ should be lost, and yet there will be countless throngs who will be separated from God throughout all eternity. We have the testimony of Scripture to this truth. Why will they be lost? Christ indicated the answer to this question when he told the "three parables of the lost".

A sheep was lost. The sheep didn't intend to go astray, but it found some grass that was sweet, and just beyond a little more grass that looked enticing, and beyond that still a little more grass that looked inviting. So this sheep nibbled itself farther and farther away from the shepherd, and finally it was lost—lost because it was heedless of where the shepherd was trying to lead it. So men wander from Christ, not because they want to go astray, not because they intend to do wrong, but because they live their animal lives and follow their own inclinations, entirely unmindful of where the Good Shepherd would lead them.

A coin was lost. It was lost because it came under the influence of a law of nature. Someone dropped the coin, and the law of gravity began to operate and the coin fell; the coin was round, and rolled away; it was dead, and therefore had to lie where it stopped rolling. But the coin did not want to be lost. Thus men come under the power of great influences and movements which play upon them and sometimes control their lives. They act like things instead of person, permitting external influences to determine their lives. But men are not things! They are persons and have the power to resist. The same circumstances which cause one person to fall cause another to rise. The same stones in the pathway of life are stumbling blocks for one person and stepping stones for another. Men dare not permit the world to do with them what it will. Men are thinking persons, not things!

A boy was lost. He was tired of the restraint of his father's home. He wanted to go out into the great world where he could follow his own inclinations. He went, and he sowed his wild oats. But eventually he returned and confessed, "I have sin-

ned." His willful rebellion had brought shame and sorrow.

Why are men lost? They are lost because they wander away from their Saviour. Some leave their Saviour because they are careless, thoughtless, and follow their own inclinations; others leave their Saviour because they permit the circumstances of life to influence them too greatly: and still others leave their Saviour because of open and willful rebellion.

Observing Lent

All of us have at times wandered away from the Saviour. Perhaps all of us have at times been like the lost sheep, and at other times like the lost coin, and at still other times like the lost boy. All of us need a season in which we will check up on ourselves and see where we stand in relation to our God. This is the chief value of the Lenten season.

There are those who think that Lent is observed by refraining from smoking, by abstaining from attendance at movies, by giving up candy, or engaging in other little self-denials. There of course is some value in such self-discipline, but if the observance of Lent ends with such petty self-denials then Lent will not bring the deep spiritual growth which it is intended to bring. A proper observance of Lent requires the individual to take three steps:

1. He must meditate earnestly upon the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on his behalf, and thereby grow in love and appreciation toward the Saviour.

2. He must examine his own life and become conscious of his entire unworthiness in the sight of God, and resolve with God's help to live a new and better life.

3. He must plan henceforth to spend his life in loving devotion and consecrated service to his Lord.

Expressing Loyalty

Additional emphasis should perhaps be placed upon the third point, "expressing loyalty to the Saviour." How can members of the Brotherhood express their loyalty to Christ? The answer is quite simple: by developing and using God-given talents to the glory of God and for the good of fellowmen. Men frequently miss their best opportunities to express loyalty to Christ by failing to use adequately the talents which God has given them. In the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN Dr. Erland Nelson, president of Carthage College, relates three fascinating little stories about people who use their talents to the glory of God and for the welfare of fellowmen. Every member of the Brotherhood should read the article by Dr. Nelson whch bears the title, "Talents That Are Used", and the substance of the three stories should be related at the Brotherhood meeting by either the topic leader or someone else to whom the assignment was made in advance.

Loyalty to Christ can best be expressed by a living faith which is constantly seeking for opportunities to express its goodwill toward all men. The man who deeply appreciates what Christ has done for him through the atonement will seek to live in the spirit of Christ and serve God and his fellowmen. He will minister unto the sick, even as Jesus ministered unto them. He will feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, combat the evil, uphold the good. He will be interested not only in the physical welfare of men throughout the whole wide world, but he will be interested also in their spiritual welfare and will do all he can do to lead souls into fellowship with the Saviour

Such loyalty to Christ cannot be attained as the result of a single effort. It is a matter of growth. Years of earnest effort to serve Him who gave his all for us will result in the cultivation of a spirit of true loyalty. But the time to start cultivating this spirit is *now*. What can members of the Brotherhood do now to express their loyalty to Christ?

In connection with the February meeting the suggestion was made that a committee be appointed to bring in a report on "Tasks That Need To Be Done." That report should be presented now, and discussed in detail, and every member of the Brotherhood should select one or two tasks that he individually will carry out in the months which lie ahead. If possible one or two projects should also be adopted for the entire Brotherhood to carry out.

Suggestions for Discussion

1. In what sense did Christ become our substitute?
2. Did Christ's atonement pay for all sins of all men?
3. Why are some men lost?
4. How should Christians observe Lent?
5. How can members of the Brotherhood express loyalty to Christ?

Assignment of the Project for the April Meeting

Cf. the article, "Christian Leaders Developed Here," in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

Hymn, "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"—No. 61 C.S.B., or No. 57 P.S.H.
Lord's Prayer and Benediction
Fellowship and refreshments

Alternate Topics

1. Have some member of the Brotherhood discuss how family devotions can be conducted effectively, or have some group visit the Brotherhood and demonstrate family devotions.

2. Show a motion picture dealing with the passion story, such as *Barabbas,* a sound picture, 21 minutes, rental $6.25; *The Hours of Trial,* Parts I and II, a silent picture, 30 minutes, rental $5.60; *King of Kings,* a silent picture, 157 minutes, rental $18.75; *King of Kings,* a sound picture, 115 minutes, rental $25.00. The prices indicated are those for the Lenten season, which run approximately 25% higher than during other seasons of the year. These films may be ordered through the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa., but orders should be placed as early as possible.

Christian Leaders Developed Here

Project for the April Meeting

How many colleges do we have in the United Lutheran Church? Which of these insitutions do members of your Brotherhood call *our college*? Which theologcal seminary supplies most of the ministers for the congregations of the synod to which you belong?

These are questions that all members of the Brotherhood should be able to answer. The topic to be discussed at the Brotherhood meeting next month will be, "The Challenge to Develop Christian Leaders". These Christian leaders are developed largely at our own institutions of higher learning. It will therefore be helpful to appoint a small committee to be prepared briefly to answer the following questions at the April meeting:

1. What are the names of the colleges supported by the United Lutheran Church, and where is each located? (Cf. Year Book of the United Lutheran Church.)

2. Which of the above colleges is supported by the synod to which your congregation belongs?

3. What are the names of the theological seminaries supported by the United Lutheran Church and where is each located? (Cf. Year Book of the United Lutheran Church.)

4. Which theological seminary supplies most of the ministers for the congregations of your synod?

5. How many students from your congregation attended a college or theological seminary in the past five years?

6. How many of these students attended Lutheran institutions?

7. What are the special needs of the college and seminary supported by your congregation?

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Talents That Are Used

By Erland Nelson, Ph.D.

Dr. Nelson is the popular and aggressive president of our Carthage College. He is making new friends for Carthage daily.

Out over the city auditorium the symphony orchestra was building up expectancy for the newly-found contralto. Only recently had she returned from a singing tour of American army camps in foreign lands. How beautiful she was as she stepped upon the stage, silken gown, a figure of poise and grace. And her loveliness was enhanced momentarily as her firm full voice reached toward the peak of a great crescendo. The ovation was prompt and spontaneous. There were more numbers, and with each one popular approval rose to still greater heights.

But the small-town pastor and his wife, who had come to the concert at the singer's special request, did not hear at all. The pastor recalled a night ten years ago. Again he saw that high school play—a bit on the rough order. Between acts Betty had appeared in a Hawaiian number that involved an unusual amount of hip-twisting and nasal droning. But there were moments when a clear firm voice moved him. He well knew that he was not a musician. He would not even make a suggestion to his own church choir. (Heaven forbid!)

Yet, later, he made the trip to Betty's home and urged that the church college be given an opportunity to develop that voice. The parents were not church supporters. They seldom even attended church. Betty had attended Sunday school "by spells", according to the superintendent. Now the parents objected to the idea of Betty going "off to college" in a small town more than 200 miles away. Betty would have to earn part of her way through college —a feat rather difficult when much time is to be spent on music.

There had been more trips out to Betty's. Finally the pastor had interested others in the congregation. The college had also given definite encouragement. Under trained direction at college Betty had sung in the a cappella choir. For three years she had made the annual choir tours. Through the effort of one of her church college professors there had come a scholarship at Eastman. But she was still an unknown voice when she volunteered to serve on the USO tours. Through that work, she had been "discovered" and gradually brought to the triumphs of this very evening.

Here inded was talent—almost lost to the world. But would that talent now be lost to the cause of the Kingdom?

In his reverie the pastor had become hopelessly lost. He looked at the crumpled program in his hand. The concert had obviously reached the end. Applause called insistently for a final encore. Now the orchestra played ever so softly. Betty's voice, more beautiful than in all the previous complicated variations, came forth like a prayer from the innermost soul. It was an arrangement of the pastor's favorite hymn. Now he heard, "Take my voice and let it be . . . "

In that audience there may have been those who could not fully understand. But there was no one that night who could not feel the sincerty of that dedication.

On the long bus trip home the pastor turned to his wife and said, "You know, Laura, as I grow old I sometmes wonder why God did not let me serve him in so grand a way."

Laura said, "Didn't he?"

II

Can God use business talents? Jim wondered.

It had been another bad year on the little Missouri farm. Jim's father had farmed during the week, and preached on Sunday. Yet, with both put together, it was hard to make ends meet, but meet they must—and did. Jim was not unaware of a vague feeling that his father would like for him to become a minister. That would not be easy. It would require years of preparation and some reserve funds.

In the meantime Jim decided to do what his hands found to do. By working for others he saved a few hundred dollars which he invested in a retail meat market. It was a partnership arrangement. Jim found it hard to reconcile the Christian teachings of his father with what he was doing in this business. The partnership became increasingly less satisfactory, and finally was an admitted failure. Jim's money was gone and he was again adrift.

Now what should he do? He liked to sell, and felt that he could be fairly successful. He determined to try selling clothing—if he could find a position. Repeatedly he applied for a position as a retail clothng clerk. Only when he finally offered to work wthout pay was the opportunity granted. Jim worked hard and long. There were no hour limitations in those days. Yet, he took time to study his business. And more important, he took time to re-examine himself. As a result he listed six principles which he determined to follow:

1. Preparation—I must know everything possible about this business; more than any other man knows.

2. Hard work wins.

3. Honesty—not mere money honesty—but never to do less than my best.

4. I must have confidence in other men.

5. It is the spirit that wins.

6. The Golden Rule—this will I seek to apply in all business relations.

Because of his vigor, hard work, and growing insight into the business, it was not long before Jim was made a member of the firm. When a branch store was built Jim was made manager. Soon Jim became head of the firm. More and still more stores were opened—each one built upon Jim's six principles.

Today Jim is chairman of the board of directors of a company operating more than 1600 stores in the United States and Canada. Before a senior class in a Lutheran college in 1945 Jim was asked to tell his story. With genuine humility he told of his problems, the obstacles in the way, his mistakes and shortcomings. The successes that had come to him were attributed to the undeserved blessings of God and the Christian teachings of his father.

From other sources we learn of Jim's deep interest in the Kingdom of God. He measures neither his time nor his means by tithes. But he still believes that his father would have preferred that he become a minister. Can God use business talents?

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I know not the way He leads me, but well do I keep my Guide. What have I to fear?—Luther.

When Lincoln Died

When Lincoln died, a type was lost to men.
The earth has had her conquerors and kings,
And many of the common great, through all;
She only had one Lincoln. There are none
Like him in all the annals of the past.
He was the growth of our new soil; the child
Of our new times, he was American;
Was of the people, from the lowest rank;
And yet he scaled with ease the highest height.
Mankind on of its few immortals lost
When Lincoln died.

When Lincoln died, it seemed a providence,
For he appeared as one sent for a work,
Whom, when that work was done, God summoned home.
He led a splendid fight for liberty,
And when the shackles fell, the land was saved,
He laid his armor by and sought his rest.
A glory sent from heaven covered him.
When Lincoln died.

—J. A. Edgerton.

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